Fair weather; nearly stationary temperature.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY

WE WILL SELL

150 Victory Cassimere Boys' LONG-PANT SUITS, for

Worth \$6 any place in the United States. Still sel ng NIGHT-ROBES for

43c

Worth 75 cents and \$1.

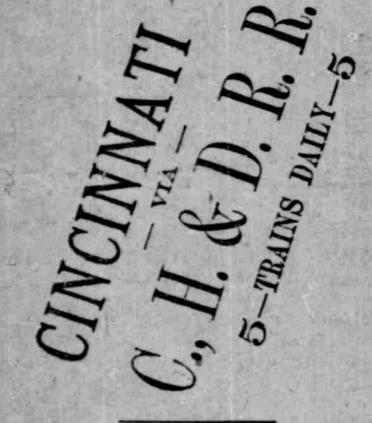
Three more days in which you can save 20 PER CENT, on HEAVY-WEIGHT OVERCOATS, at the

PASSENGER TRAINS AT UNION STATION, INDIANAPOLIS. CLEVELAND DIVISION. Depart-*3:30 am, 6:30 am, 11:15 am, *3:25 pm, *6:40 Arrive-*7:00 am, *11:10 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, CHICAGO & CINCINNATI DIVISION-EAST. Depart-*3:35 am, *7:05 am, 11:15 am, *3:20 pm, Arrive-10:35 am, *11:10 am, 4:55 pm, *11:10 pm *12:15 am.

CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI DIVISION-WEST. Depart—7:10 am, *11:20 am, 5:15 pm, *12:30 am. Arrive—*3:20 am, 10:55 am, *3:10 pm, 6:15 pm. PEORIA DIVISION-WEST. Depart—7:45 am, 11:45 am, 5:05 pm, *11:30 pm, Arrive—*3:25 am, 11:05 am, 3:10 pm, 6:35 pm. PEORIA DIVISION-EAST, Depart-*3:40 am, 6:50 pm. Arrive-11:00 am, *11:15 pm.

Depart-*7:30 am, *11:20 am, 5:20 pm, *11:35 pm, Arrive-*3:20 am, 10:35 am, *3:10 pm, *6:20 pm. "Daily. tSunday only. For tickets and full information call at Big 4 flices, No. 1 East Washington street, 138 South Binois street, Massachusetts avenue and the Union

ST. LOUIS DIVISION.



Following is time of arrival and departure of

Depart-*3:55 a. m., 110:45 a. m., *3:00 p. m. Arrive-19:15 a. m., *11:15 a. m., †7:45 p. m. *10:55 p. m., *12:35 a. m. Trains marked * are daily, † daily except Sun-ay. H. J. RHEIN, Gen'l Ag's.

OBITUARY.

Gen. Asahel Stone, a Prominent and Valued Resident of Winchester.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WINCHESTER, Ind., Feb. 25.-Gen. Asahel Stone died at his home in this city at 6 o'clock this morning. He was born near Marietta, O., June 29, 1817. In 1818 his parents removed with him to Aurora, Ind., and in 1822 to Cincinnati, O., where he resided until his marriage with Lydia B. Preston, in 1837, when they removed to the city of New Orleans. In 1839 they came to Winchester, which has ever since been his home. He was a carpenter by trade, which business he followed till May, 1861, when he was appointed by Governor Morton Commissary general for the State of Indiana, and in October, 1862, Qartermaster-general. In his official capacity he proved himself a superior man, and was fregently commended by Governor Morton in his annual messages. For twentyfive years he had been engaged in banking in this city, serving all of that time as president of the banks with which he was identified. He served the county twice as Representative and once as Senator is the State Legislature. industry and frugality built up a large fortune, which he used most liberally in the interests of this place. His liberality gave to the city Fountain Park Cemetery, which comprises forty acres of land just south of the city, most beautifully designed and ornamented. His splendid donations to the trustees of the M. E. Church enabled them to complete one of the most beautiful church edifices in the State. His private library, which is large and valuable, he has left to the Highschool. His funeral will take place from the M. E. Church, of which he was a member, at 2 o'clock on Friday.

Other Deaths. St. Louis, Feb. 25. - Mrs. Jane Chambers, the only surviving daughter of John Mullanphy, to whose muniticence the St. Louis Mullanphy, Hospital and the Sacred Heart Convent in this city owe their existence, died last night, at the age of ninety-two years, at the old Chambers homestead, near Ferguson. She leaves three generations of descendants.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 25.—A dispatch received here to-day from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, announces the sudden death of Dr. Thomas McCabe, who, until last year, occupied the chair of German in Indiana University. He was a well-known

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.-Prof. H. D. Garrison, of this city, who held chairs in various medical colleges of the city, and who also, at one time, was professor of chemistry in Beloit College, is dead. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease. PLANKINTON, S. D., Feb. 25,-Hon. H. C. Ayers, a prominent member of the board of

trustees of the University of South Dakota. tell dead after delivering a speech, exactly as did Secretary Windom.

She Fasted Twenty-Four Days. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 25.—Maria L. Fry, an aged single woman of this city, has just finished a twenty-four-day fast. She thought she was called upon by God to fast forty days. Her physician forced her to eat, threatening to remove her to the insane asylum, which caused her to yield. She was very weak. MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Body of a School Janitor Found on the Railroad Track Under Suspicious Circumstances.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 25,-There is great excitement in the town of Defiance over the death of J. H. Moll, janitor of the central school, who was found this morning by the side of the railroad track, with both legs cut off, a hidrous wound in his head, a knife stab in his breast and his throat cut. A few days ago Moll and janitor Mox of another school building preferred charges against the superintendent and some of the teachers of the schools. The superintendent and teachers were suspended, pending a bearing, which was held on Monday. All were then exonerated, and the two janitors were notified that they would be dismissed at a meeting of the board to be held to-day. Last night janitor Moll was told that there was strong talk of mobbing him. He left home at 10 o'clock to spend the night with a neighbor. About 2 o'clock A. M. he arose and left the neighbor's house and was not seen again alive. At the coroner's inquest but little was learned. It is the general opinion that he inflicted the knife wounds on himself and lay down on the railroad track, his legs being cut off by a train.

TRYING TO ARRANGE A SCHEDULE. Pennsylvania Railway Officials and Employes Adjusting Their Differences.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.-The conference of the Pennsylvania officials to arrange a schedule of wages is still in session, and will not adjourn before to-morrow. The men are still awaiting the company's proposition, and nothing will be done till after it has been presented. The company does not anticipate that the operative schedules will be satisfactory to all, for the reason that the contemplated equalization will reduce the pay of some men. This may have the effect of creating differences in the councils of the grievance committees; at least, while some may approve it, others will receive it with disapproval. While the company appears to feel secure on the strike question, the attitude of the men is directly opposite. They are as firm in their sentiments to-day, even more so, than they were a week ago. Forty engineers, representing the brotherhood enginemen of all the Pennsylvania railroad organizations, have decided to act with the other organizations in their efforts to secure higher wages. This action was declared at the engineers' conference to-day. The conference has been in session since Monday and concluded its work this afternoon. This decision was received with the utmost satisfaction by the members of other organizations. It means now that engineers, firemen, conductors, train-men and switchmen of the entire system concerned will act as a unit. The engineers authorize the statement that the work of equalization on the part of the company is equivalent to cutting down at one point and filling up at another, and will not be satisfactory, and that unless a clear advance is granted, merchants shippers and the company will given four days' notice, which they consider is ample time

A dispatch from Philadelphia says: Regarding the dispatch from Pittsburg, last night, stating that the employes of the Pennsylvania road had presented their demands to the officers of the company in this city, a prominent official of the road said to-day that no such committee had presented their demands to the officers of the company in this city. Further, he said: "The entire adjustment of difficulties is in the hands of General Manager Wood, at Pittsburg, and no demand will be made to the officials in this city. Mr. Wood will settle the matter one way or the other." Diligent inquiry here among members of the brotherhood employed by the Pennsylva-nia on the lines east of Pittsburg failed to elicit any confirmation of a report from that place that employes of the entire Pennsylvania system from Pittsburg to Jersey City had presented a list of grievances and demands, nor could it be learned that the employes of the Eastern branches had any grievances or demands to present.

The Pullman Car-Joiners Strike. CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The 125 car-joiners employed in the Pullman shops who struck for an advance in wages were given until 1 o'clock this afternoon to return to work at the old rate. Only twenty-five of them accepted the terms. The places of the oth-

ers will be filled. Seeking Pay for Overtime. SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 25 .- A grievance committee, representing the freight crews of the Big Four road, has presented the matter of pay for overtime to General Superintendent Peck, who will give an answer March 1.

Conductor Charged with Carelessness. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25 .- The coroner this afternoon closed the investigation into the collision which occurred on the Wabash road, near this city, on the 11th instant, between a Wabash passenger and a St. Louis Keokuk & Northwestern freight train, which resulted in the death of three persons and serious injury to five others. The coroner attributes the accident to the "sheer carelessness or recklessness of Conductor Broderick, of the Wabash train."

Fatally Bruised in a Prize-Fight. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 25.-David Seville, a Columbus light-weight, and Hank Tracey of Nelsonville, had a prize-fight at the latter place last night. Seville punished Tracey badly, and the latter has since died. Seville and Tom Mach, his second, are held here on suspicion. Hank Tracey assumed the name under which he fought. His right name is Arthur Magesty.

"What it costs" must be carefully considered by the great majority of people in buying even necessities. Hood's Sarsaparilla combines positive economy with great medicinal power. It is the only medicine of which can truly be said "100 doses

DOWN A CANAL EMBANKMENT

Terrible Accident on the Pennsylvania Railway at Hagerstown, Ind.

Cincinnati and Chicago Fast Express Train Leaves the Track and the Passenger Cars Tumble Into the Bed of a Canal.

Three Persons Killed, Three Fatally Injured and Nearly Thirty Badly Hurt.

Broken Connecting-Rod Causes the Accident -The Wreck Takes Fire, but the Flames Are Subdued-List of Casualties.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 25 .- A terrible railroad accident occurred on the Richmond division of the Panhandle, at Hagerstown, sixteen miles out of this city, at 8:50 o'clock this afternoon, in which three persons were instantly killed, one mortally wounded, if not two others, and a large number injured. The fast train between Chicago and Cin-

cinnati was coming down a steep grade into the town, when the frame-work of the engine, No. 494, in charge of W. W. Bartlett, engineer, and Noah Dunn, fireman, dition the train passed the station and came to the canal bridge, where there is a fifteen-foot fill. Here the fatality occurred, and it came near proving even more terrible than it was, as the cars caught fire, but the fire was quickly extinguished. The smoker first turned on its side, and the day coach and parlor car "Eugenia," the smoking compartment of which contained all the killed, breaking away from the smoking-car but holding together, rolled over twice in their descent of the embankment. The derailed beggage car remained attached to the engine, and away beyond the other cars struck a guard at the road-crossing, and again mounted the tracks and escaped almost uninjured, but the engine, though holding the rail, was about as badly wrecked as the parlor and

day coaches. In leaving the tracks the cars tore down the telegraph poles, and it was almost impossible to get any accurate news of the accident until the trains arrived here with the dead and wounded. The wrecking crew was gotten out of here as soon as possible, carrying surgeons and assistance of every kind, and a second train was sen out at 6 o'clock with a large number of

THE DEAD AND INJURED. The following is a correct list of the dead: ARTHUR M. REEVES, capitalist and author, brother-in-law of William Dudley Foulke, Richmond, Ind.; neck broken. OTIS F. DEAL, engineer of maintenance of way, Richmond division; died at 5:50: skull fractured.

GEORGE 3. NEEDHAM, claim agent Richmond division of the road, Richmond, Ind.; skull

The mortally wounded are: CHARLES B. CASE, conductor, Logansport, Ind., skull fractured; will die.

MRS. GEORGE McGREW, Richmond, badly out about the head and bruised about the body; MRS. J. C. BUSIN, Sacramento, Cal., serious contusion of the chest and cut over the left ear;

will probably die. The less seriously injured are as follows: M. HILB, Nos. 472 to 478 West Front street, Cincinnati, contusion of the head and arms. G. WEBSTER, porter of the Pullman car "Euge-

nia." Newport, Ky., left ankle dislocated and forehead badly cut. INFANT STAUB, a grandchild of Mrs. McGrew, JOHN M. EDWARDS, Richmond, wounded about ADAM STEINBERGER and brother WILEY, West

ville, O., both cut in back of head. FRANK W. EDDY, Westfield, Mass., back badly Miss Roth, Dayton, O., right hand badly cut, and her sister, Mrs. C. R. Dudley, Dayton, severe

contusion on right side. MR. AND MRS. BENSON, Logansport, Ind., badly bruised; also, her two small children, HERBERT MRS. ANNA ENGLEBRECHT, Logansport, Ind., and

THREE CHILDREN, badly shocked. HENRY C. Fox. Richmond, severe scalp wound and concussion of the spine. A. H. KELLEY, Richmond, severe cut over the

T. W. GILPIN, No 251 West Fourth street, Phila-delphia, cut in the left arm and injured inter-JOHN CROCKER, Chicago, contusion of the back CHARLES PAGE, Richmond, bad out on top o

head and injured about the hips. G. H. EDMONDS, Troy, O., cut in the head and MRS. SUSAN STAUBAUGH, Trenton, Mo., both hands badly cut. SOPHIA EVANS, New Castle, Ind., contusion of

DORA CLARK, New Castle, Ind., contusion o CLIFTON IRWIN, Martin's Ferry, O., hurt on right

J. P. STANZA, Eaton, O., left arm badly bruised J. W. KRAMER, brakeman, Logansport, severe scalp wound, left leg badly bruised and contu-

HARRIET S. LAMBARD, Ampherst, Wis., severe contusion in back of head. JAS. T. BOOTES, Richmond, very severe contu-sion of left side of head. ROBERT HODGIN, road foreman of engines, hand scalded and abrasion of right leg.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT. Hagerstown is not a regular-stopping place for the train, and as it is situated in a basin it is customary to come down the grade with great speed to gain momentum for climbing the grade on the opposite side of the town. This made it impossible for the engineer to get control of his engine when he discovered that something had broken-before one of the side rods dropped from its driver-and then there was no hope. How the engine kept the rail and the cars ran so far on the ties before breaking apart, as though waiting for the high fill, down which they rolled, passes all understanding. They had just cleared the bridge over the canal when they went over. While the location of the accident was otherwise the most unfortunate one within the basin, the ready supply of water made it quick work for the bucket brigade in extinguishing the flames, which apparently started in the three cars at the same time. Reeves, Needham and Case

were all killed instantly, and were found

lying together. Deal was found in the top

of the car, and his suffering was intense during the two hours be lived. The sides of the cars were mashed to smithereens, and not a glass was left in their

Deal's and Case's watches are reported stolen, but it may be that friends have them, as your correspondent found Case's diamond ring and money.

The dead men being very popular in various circles here, and so many Richpeople being passengers, including quite a number whose injuries did not justify the mention of their names, the excitement was intensified far beyond what would otherwise have been occasioned by so fearful an accident so near here. Indeed, it cast a gloom over the entire city that was even greater after the arrival of the trains bringing the dead and wounded. The crowd at the Union Station even exceeded that which paid tribute to General Sherman.

WILL SUE THE GOVERNMENT.

An Ohio Preacher and General Fremont's Heirs Want Pay for a Valuable Island.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.—The Rev. W. R. Covert, of Findlay, O., has retained connsel to press the claim of himself and the heirs of Gen. John C. Fremont to the ownersbip of Bird island in the bay of San Francisco. The amount involved is estimated at over \$10,000,000. General Fremont, when Military Governor of California, purchased the island from Mexico. Uncle Sam repudiated the purchase and declined to either buy from the "Path-finder." or reimburse him. However, the government, some years later, took possession of the island, which is the key to San Francisco harbor, and put a light-house upon it at a cost of over \$9,000,000. General Fremont sought relief from Congress in vain. Some time before he died, being low in funds, he secured financial aid from the Kev. Mr. Colvert, giving therefor an option on a half interest in the island. He intended to press his claim, but death interfered. Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont and her son will now join in the proceedings through the Court of Claims.

BOOMERS CAUGHT BY A BLIZZARD.

Severe "Norther" Swoops Down on the Foolhardy Invaders of the Cherokee Strip.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25 .- Probably what will prove to be the severest blizzard of the season is raging in Kansas to-night. It commenced late this afternoon, when the cold wave of yesterday became intensified. The thermometer dropped to 100 above zero and a high wind came down from the northwest. At 7 o'clock it began to snow, and the storm developed into a blinding blizzard. Dispatches from southern Kansas state that a "norther" is raging in the Cherokee Strip and that insense suffering will be experienced by the foolhardy boomers, who not only have invaded the strip contrary to law, but went into the barren country wholly unprepared for any emer-gency such as the present. There are fully three thousand boomers in the strip, and they are equipped only with the meager comforts afforded in the furniture of a "prairie schooner." Most of them are scantily provisioned, and with only wagoncovery or shelter they will endure great

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.

Signal Service Bulletin, Showing What May Be Expected from the Present Rise. Washington, Feb. 25.—The signal office furnishes the following special bulletin to the press: High water is impending in the Mississippi river below Cairo. The highest water, 57.3 feet, occurs at Cincinnati to-day, Feb. 25, there having been a rise of sixteen feet in the past six days. The upper Ohio, the Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers are falling. The Arkaneas river is stationary at a medium stage. The Tennessee is at a stage of 29 feet at Chattanooga, a rise of 13 feet in four days. The Cumberland at Nashville is 24.4 feet, a rise of three feet. At St. Louis there has been a rise of 5 feet in one day. At Cairo the stage of water is 44.3 feet and rising. By March 3 a stage of 47.5 feet may be expected at Cairo. A comparison with the high stages of previous years shows that the following stages may be expected at places along the lower river: Memphis, 34 feet, by March 6; Greenville, 40 feet, and Helena, 43 feet by March 7; Arkansas City, 45 by March 8; Vicksburg, 46 feet by the 5th; Baton Rouge, 34 feet by the 12th. A cold wave is sweeping over the country from the West and it is not likely that rain to any considerable amount will fall in the Ohio valley in the next few days.

Loss of Life in California. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 25 .- Up to noon to-day reports showed that at least six persons lost their lives in the flood. The family of Charles Watts is also missing from near Downey, and are supposed to have been drowned. The Wells family. consisting of man, wife and babe, were drowned at Duart, and the bodies of two Mexicans were found in the same neighborhood. The worst of the flood was probably at Downey and vicinity. Old and New San Gabriel rivers broke from their banks and ran together, and made a great inland sea six to ten miles wide and seventeen miles long. Many houses were swept away, and a number of families occupying the territory inundated have not been heard from. Shots heard at Downey Monday morning, fired at Watte's ranch-house, are supposed to have been a signal of distress. The house was soon swept away, and it is feared that the whole family perished in the current.

Slowly Rising at New Albany. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 25.-The river continues slowly rising, and though a fall is expected from above within the next twenty-four hours, the damage to crops and houses on the river bottoms on both sides of the river, between here and Leavenworth, will be very great. The New Albany Manufacturing Company closed down to-day, the water having reached its boilers. There is little or no suffering or want, on account of the precautions taken before the rise. It is thought the water will have reached its highest stage by noon

Stationary at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Feb. 25 .- Since 10 o'clock this forenoon the river here has been stationary at fifty-seven feet and four inches. with occasional fluctuations of half an inch, caused by high wind or the passage of a harbor boat when the water-gange was read. The weather is clear and growing

Meredith Stanley, a professional bridge-jumper, leaped from the Cincinnati and Newport bridge safely to-day, and would have leaped from the three other bridges had not the police interfered

Eastern Mississippi Under Water. WEST POINT, Miss., Feb. 25.—The Tombigbee river is swollen from the late twenty-day rain and the whole country for many miles on each side of the river is flooded Great damage has been done to stock and crops, and many houses have been swept away. The eastern part of the State is under water and the damage has been enormous. It has rained almost constantly for the past twenty days.

Police Inspector Thomas F. Byrnes. The parehment conferring the order and the large gold cross have been received by the Italian consul in this city and will be bestowed on the Inspector in a few days. This recognition is attributed to the fact that the Inspector has assisted many Italians in this city, and has also rendered valuable services to the Italian government by arresting brigands, who had escaped from Italy after the commission of serious from Italy after the commission of serious

RELINQUISHED THEIR CLAIM.

Trustees of the Fayerweather Estate Step Aside in Favor of the Colleges.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 .- There was a sensation in store for the afternoon session of the hearing in the contest of the will of leather merchant Fayerweather, who left a big fortune to various colleges, Henry D. Vaughan, while on the witness-stand, said that he, Thomas G. Ritch and Justus L. Buckley had joined in an instrument relinquishing any claim to the residuary estate. As the residuary estate was considered to be worth from one million to a million and a half to them as residuary legatees, the importance of their action is apparent. It knocks the bottom out of the main purpose of the contest. Prior to this, by consent of counsel, the will itself was admitted to probate. In view of these concessions and by the will standing divested of codicils, Ritch and Buckley will receive their residue in trust to divide among the colleges and how trust to divide among the colleges and hos-pitals mentioned in the will.

The important instrument by which the residuary legatees divested themselves as such of the residuary estate, after the specific bequests of over \$2,000,000 to colleges and other institutions, virtually acts as a new will in itself. This residuary estate is estimated to amount to \$4,000,000. Many of the colleges named in the will secure large accessions to the original bequests, and new institutions become endowed. Those get the greater share are probably the ones designated by the instrument to share

To-day's developments will result in \$100,000 going to the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.; \$25,000 to Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.; \$50,000 additional to Lafayette College, Easton. Pa., and \$50,000 additional to Wabash College, the amount in each case to be used as a Fayerweather fund in some distinctive manner, either for the erection of build-ings, the establishment of scholarships, or other use which, in the judgment of the authorities, will be of the greatest practical benefit, the mode of use to be subject to ap-

TOOK FORCIBLE POSSESSION.

Alliance Officers Steal a March on Republicans by Using Crow-Bars and Hammers.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Feb. 25 .- Two weeks ago at the county election the Farmers' Alliance ticket was successful. The Republican officeholders, claiming the election to have been had without authority of law, refused to allow the officers elected to take possession of the offices. The Farmers' Alliance officers set up independent offices, and have been carrying on the county's business since Saturday. Early this morning, before the Republican officers got down to business, the Farmers' Alliance officers obtained forcible entrance to the county offices, and with crow-bars, cold-chisels and sledgehammers, a general assault was made upon the safes and vaults, and they were opened. The Farmers' Alliance officers took an invoice of all the contents and began business. The Republican officers appealed to United States Marshal Grimes, but he declined to act. The Republicans are highly chagrined, but will probably attempt no

BULKELEY TO HILL.

Caustic Letter to the Governor of New York from the Governor of Connecticut. HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 25 .- The follow-

ing letter was sent to Governor Hill this afternoon from Morgan C. Bulkeley, Governor of Connecticut:

Dear Sir-Understanding from your official action, as reported to me officially, that criminals from sister States, especially Connecticut, are safe from arrest and return for prosecution when they have entered the gates of the city of refuge embraced only in your jurisdiction, I desire to inform you that there are now in the Connecticut State prison about two hundred convicts that Connecticut can safely and with propriety turn over to you.

propriety turn over to you.

I have no doubt that every one would prove a loyal subject and rejoice to avail himself of the freedom of the State of New York and the protecting arm of its executive. Express trains are here frequently. Waiting your orders to forservice, I have the honor to remain respectfully, MORGAN G. BULKELEY, GOVERNOR.

Features of Kansas Legislation.

TOPEKA, Kan. Feb. 25 .- The House this morning passed a bill appropriating \$3,500 to establish an experimental station at the State University to promote investigation into Prof. Snow's scheme of destroying chinch-bugs by contagion with cholerainfected insects. The committee on congressional ap

portionment submitted its report, accompanying a bill dividing the State into eight congressional districts. The State is now composed of seven districts. The bill was passed. This afternoon Speaker Elder's maximum

freight-rate bill came up as the special order and was passed. The effect of the bill is to reduce freight rates in the State 20 per cent. The Senate passed the bill prohibiting

combination among persons engaged in buying and selling live stock. The bill makes it unlawful for persons engaged in buying or selling live stock either to enter into an agreement which tends to prevent full and free competition, or which tends to the maintaining of any sum as a minimum commission for the services of selling live stock for others.

Platform of the American Party. CHICAGO, Feb. 25 .- The Conneil of National American Societies, which has been in session here since Monday, completed its work to-day. The officers elected are: President, Col. G. G. Maner, of this city: vice-president, G. H. Bartlett, of Massachusetts; secretary, James S. Reynolds, of Illinois: treasurer, 8. J. H. Trainer, of Michigan. The platform declares in favor of free speech, a free press, the restriction of foreign immigration, an educational franchise, free common schools, no appropriations from the national treasury for sectarian purposes, and in favor of giving public land to actual citizens and bonafide settlers only. It is not proposed to form a distinct political party, but to favor the party which will incorporate its principles in its platform. The organization claims to represent 1,500,000 voters.

Iowa Farmers Will Nominate a Ticket. Stoux City, Is., Feb. 25.-The Eleventh Iowa district Farmers' Alliance conference was in session here to-day. J. B. Powers, president of the National Alliance, and B. F. Farrow, president of the Iowa Alliance, and other prominent leaders were present. It was resolved to apply the secret rules of the order to the Iowa Alliance, to put a full State ticket in the field in Iowa this fall, and to continue to adhere to prohibition and a low tariff. President Farrow will probably be the Alliance candidate for Governor.

Senator Chandler Fires Back. CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 25 .- Senator Chandler, in a double-leaded editorial over his own signature in the Monitor to-night, away. The eastern part of the State is under water and the damage has been enormous. It has rained almost constantly for the past twenty days.

It Is Now Sir Knight Byrnes.

New York, Feb. 25.—The King of Italy has conferred the order of knighthood on to satisfy the public.

The signature in the stollitor to-night, reiterated his charge that Senator-elect J. H. Gallinger, H. W. Green and other Republicans entered into a series of bargains with Hon. Frank Jones, Hon. C. A. Sinclair and other prominent Democrats, and further states that of the truth of these charges it will be his duty soon to endeavor to satisfy the public.

THAT ALLEGED SILVER POOL

It Did Not Exist, According to the Report of the Investigating Committee.

Cameron and Taylor Were the Only Members of Congress Who Speculated-Mr. Owenby, of Illinois, Called a "Romancer."

Mr. Aldrich Tells Why None but Appropriation Bills Can Pass the Senate.

Majority Completely at the Mercy of the Minority-Direct-Tax Measure and Judiciary Bills Certain to Become Laws.

CONGRESSMEN EXONERATED.

Report of the House Committee That Investigated the Alleged Silver Pool.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- The silver pool investigating committee made its report to the House this evening. The report, which is unanimous, gives the history of the investigation, alluding to the more important testimony, but not reviewing it in detail. It dismisses the testimony of Mr. Owenby as the product of a "romancer" whose imagination is not restrained by the limitations of truth. "Prior to the examination of Owenby," says the report, "the testimony of Senators Vest and Cameron and Mr. Littler brought out the fact that the latter had purchased silver for Senator Cameron pending the silver legislation of the last session, and had sold it by the Senator's order before the silver bill passed. Subsequently Representative Abner Tay-lor, of Illinois, appeared before the committee and testified that he bought silver before the silver bill became a law and when no additional silver legislation was proposed or expected, and had sold it in

"It is but just to say," continues the re-port, "that a statement by Hon. E. H. Conger in debate in the House on the 24th of June, 1890, to the effect that he had been 'approached to join silver pools,' furnished some excuse for the publication of the general allegation that silver pools existed pending the silver legislation of July of that year, but none for the charge that certain Senators and Representatives had accepted such invitation. Mr. Conger, who is now the United States Minister to Brazil, and therefore beyond our jurisdiction, was requested by cable to transmit to the committee the names of persons who had approached him in order that they might be subpensed, but he declined so to

EXAGGERATIONS IN THE HEAT OF DEBATE. "The fact that the exaggerated expressions sometimes made by a member in the heat of debate, in order to further or defeat a measure, may furnish an excuse for if not suggest such dispatches, affords an additional reason for a careful avoidance in debate of intimations that corrupt influences are being brought to bear upon members to affect legislation, unless the member making such insinuations is prepared to substantiate the charge. It is well understood that a good measure is seriously weakened by even a suspicion that improper means are being employed to advance it.

"Your committee have been unable to obtain any evidence to support Ownby's original charge that there was a silver pool or organization of silver speculators, who had made large purchases of silver bullion, and was exerting its combined influence to bring about silver legislation which would cause an advance of silver and thereby bring large profits to the manipulators. There were many speculators buying silver individually, and probably in some cases in company, for an anticipated rise through expected legislation, and undoubtedly exerting more or less influence on public sentiment to bring about legislation, but there is no evidence that there was any pool or combination of such speculators working together to this end, or that any Senator or Representative was connected with such

THE "SILVER COMMITTEE'S" WORK.

"The only organized or combined effort to induce silver legislation disclosed by the evidence was the public organization known as the 'silver committee,' appointed by the St. Louis silver convention, which has had its headquarters at Washington during the past year. This committee, according to the testimony of Mr. Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, one of its members, has printed and distributed hundreds of thousands of pamphlets and circulars, published articles in newspapers, and maintained agents in the field to visit organizations, particularly Farmers' Alliances, in various parts of the country for the purpose of working up and securing the expression of a public sentiment in aver of free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 of gold, at an expense, including the salary of the secretary, of not less than \$10,000, nor more than \$15,000 during the past year, which expense has been met by voluntary contributions of owners of silver mines and bullion, and others favoring such

"There was no evidence, and the committee has no reason to believe that this committee, which Owenby described as the 'head silver pool,' had any connection with silver speculation, or expended any money otherwise than for the purpose above stated. The organization appears to similar in character to many other organizations designed to influence public opinion to secure legislation. There is no evidence that any pool, combination, syndicate or individual speculator or speculators furnished money to enable members of Congress to invest in silver, or carry silver with the understanding that such members of Congress were to have the profits, or that any Senator or Representa-tive was interested in any silver pool or syndicate, as charged by Owenby; nor any evidence that any Senator, Representative or government official individually in-vested in silver bullion, or was directly or indirectly interested in silver bullion, or was directly or indirectly interested in silver speculations pending the silver legislation of the first session of the present Congress, except that referring to Senator Cameron. The evidence shows that one Representative purchased silver after the act of July 14, 1890, was passed, and when no silver legislation was pending or proposed, and sold it in August. There is no evidence that any Representative is now or has been during the present session of Congress directly or indirectly interested in silver bullion or certificates representing silver

IN THE GRIP OF THE MINORITY.

Mr. Allison Says Nothing but Appropriation Bills Can Pass the Senate. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- "It is very safe to say that any measure which will provoke debate will not pass the Senate," said Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations, when asked, this afternoon, it he thought the shipping bill could be got through the Senate with the House amendments. Mr. Allison is in position to know more about the possibilities of legislation than any other man in Congress. He continued: "I have figured that it will take almost every hour of the remaining six days of this Congress to get the appropriation bills through the Senate, even with night sessions. Of course, we can easily run through measures which can be finished in a very few hours, but it is out of the question to get any bill through if a single Senator offers serious objection. You see we have unlimited debate yet in the Senate. The closure resolution is yet